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Article On E-Books

E-Books, or electronic books, are a book that’s available in CD-Rom format, downloadable books, online texts, and downloadable documents that can be viewed on a desktop, laptop, or handheld device. The way things are looking, and based on the small research, e-books are a way to help develop reading skills and reading comprehension. It seems to have caught students’ attention in classrooms because it’s a new and fun way to read. The e-books also offer features like inserting notes, highlighting words, and adding audio comments. There’s so many more options that an e-book brings to the table as opposed to regular books, magazines, and articles.

The article proceeds to show the e-books being used in the classroom. In an example, the teacher had the students highlight words that would possibly be on a reading comprehension quiz. To say the least, the students are learning how to highlight important phrases, words, and facts whether they are using it for a quiz or not. Later, they used the same tool on the e-book, the highlighter, to highlight ideas they would like to use during a class discussion. Another way the teacher incorporated student learning is the students used the sticky-note tool to flag down and comment on parts of the book.

The author for the article, “Digital Literacies”, did not write anything about the students being assessed, but I think a way to assess students is to have them bring the teacher their e-books to show their comments, their highlights, and any questions they may have.